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Dear Tom P Duong:

In response to your letter date mailed: 03/11/2004 I disagree with your assessment. I believe that you applied Pelz's patent inappropriately. If you look closely at Pelz's patent drawings you will see the difference in the applications. I draw your attention to ball position in Fig. 1 in Pelz verses alignment mark 28 in Fig. 2 they are in two different locations. In my application the ball and alignment mark are at the same position. This is critical

because Pelz does not use his system to align the ball or putter head mark to the hole but he uses his system to align the body to the club. This is high lighted in the last sentence in column 1, the first paragraph in column 2, and lastly in the first and second paragraph in column 4. This is the fundamental difference in the two applications. Not one of Pelz club's has an alignment mark to indicate the club is aligned properly to the target. **Pelz uses the face of the club for alignment to target** - last paragraph column 3. If a golfer lined up his body according to Pelz's marks 42 & 28 he would than have to move his body position to get his eyes over the putter/ball/putting line if he wished to be in the proper putting position (but could never be sure if he was directly over the ball) this changing of position would defeat the purpose of Pelz's system.

How would a golfer line up a putt using Pelz's? Please see attached sheet showing putter/ball examples 1,2,3 and 4. In example 1 if you used mark 28 as the alignment indicator to the hole you would have to align it to the out side edge. The golfers eyes are not directly over the ball/putting line which is not the proper way of aligning a putt but their body would be in the same place relative to

the putter every time. Example 2 shows align 28 to the center of the hole and the ball having a chance of going in the side of the hole on a straight putt if you were lucky. Again the eyes are not over the ball/putting line, which is not the proper way of putting. Example 3 shows a left to right breaking putt; how would one know which method of alignment one would use? Example 4 show the Lister system aligning the putter and ball to the hole or target line every time and the golfer no matter what their height is will be in the same position (directly over the ball which is the proper putting position) every time. This is the system that Pelz himself states is the proper way of putting (see previous submission). Using the Pelz system a golfer would not know if they were properly aligned over the ball or to the target; their stance and club face could be opened or closed to the target but they would only know they are in the same body position relative to the club every time.

Pelz's system is correct when aligning ones body to the clubs when using irons and woods but not the putter. When I first developed my system I too thought that one would have to put multiple lines on the shaft to compensate for the different heights of people but I soon figured it out

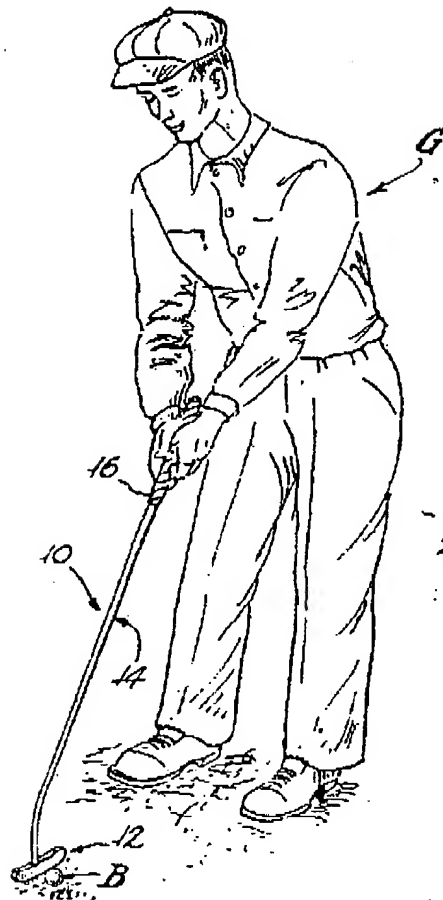
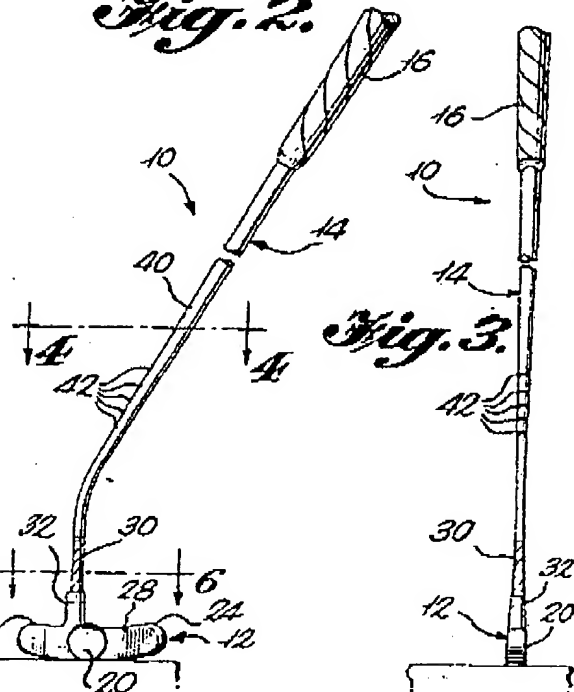
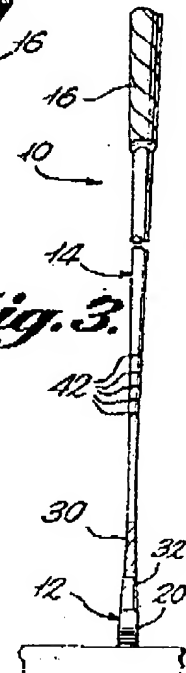
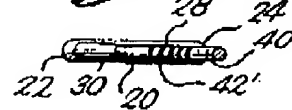
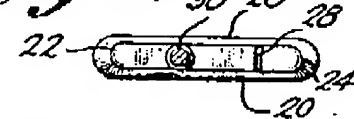
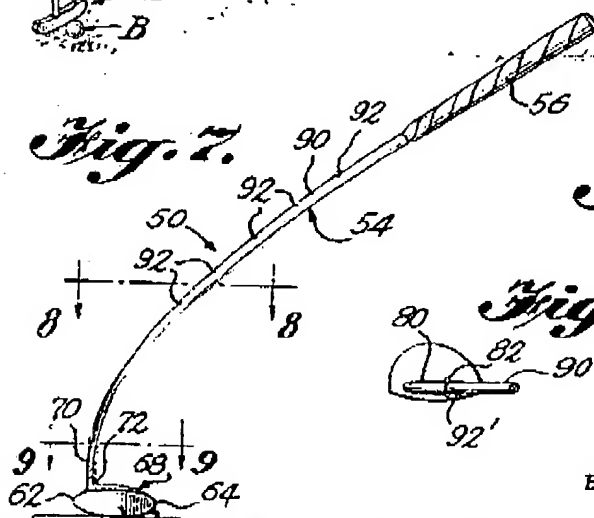
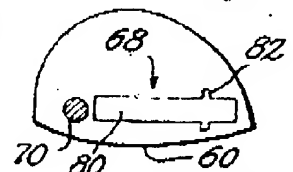
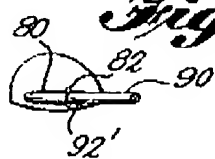
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GOLF CLUB WITH USER ALIGNING MARKS

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Fig. 1.*Fig. 2.**Fig. 3.**Fig. 4.**Fig. 5.**Fig. 6.**Fig. 7.**Fig. 9.**Fig. 8.*

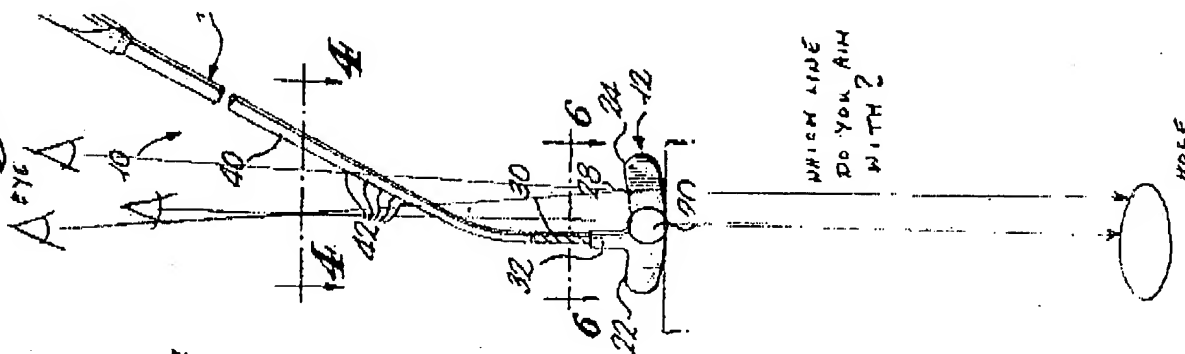
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EXAMPLE 1

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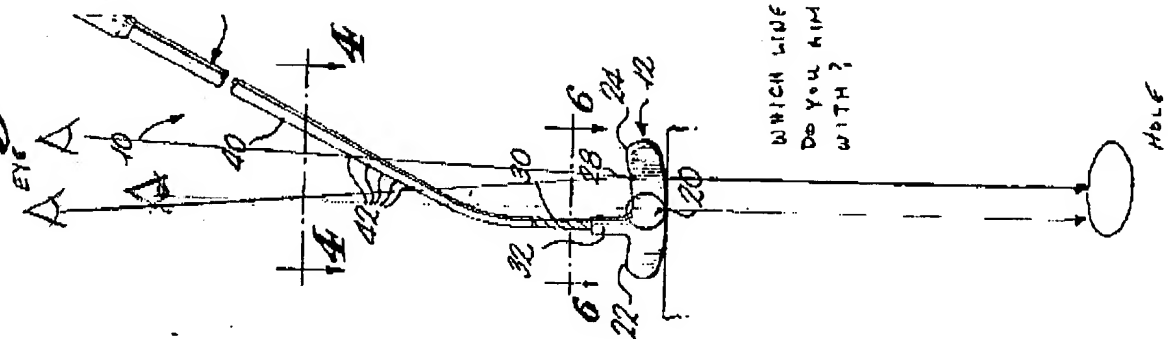
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EXAMPLE 2

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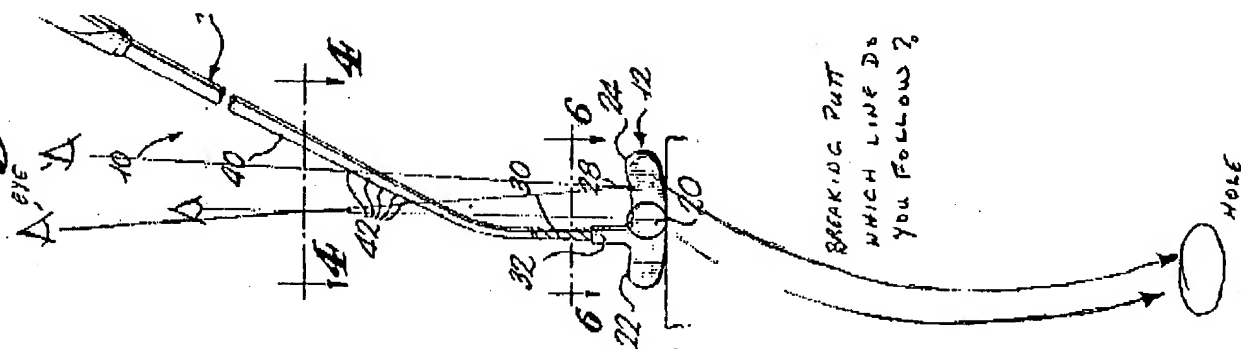
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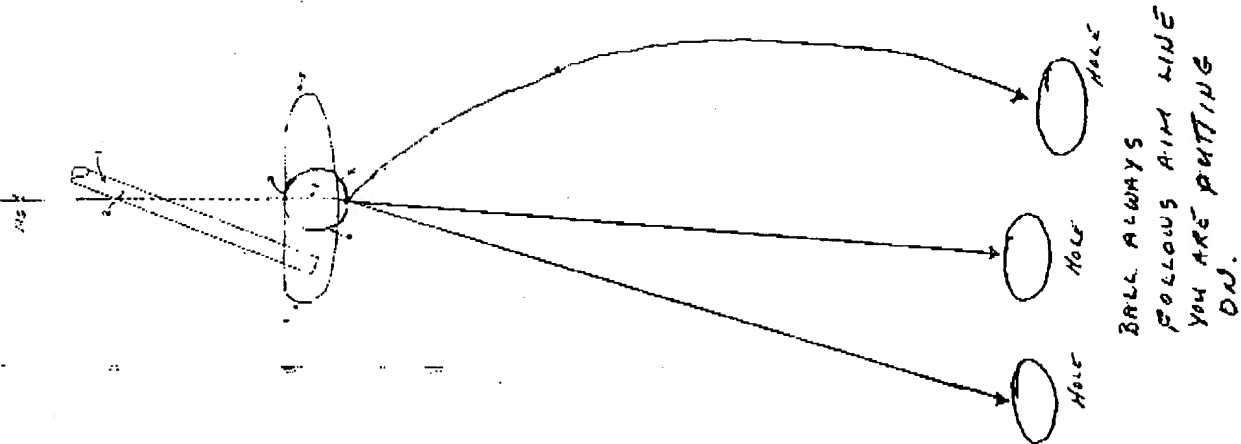
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EXAMPLE 4

PELZ

Fig. 2.



BALL ALWAYS
FOLLOWS AIM LINE
YOU ARE PUTTING
ON.